

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims by canceling claims 1-7 and adding new claims 9 and 10, all without prejudice, as indicated on the following listing of all the claims in the present application after this Amendment:

1. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A method in which data for multiple snapshots is maintained without redundancy of preserved data for different snapshots in data storage, comprising: determining whether a granule of a volume requires caching prior to being overwritten; and a step for saving the granule of the volume prior to being overwritten if it needs caching.

9. (New) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable instructions for performing the method of claim 8.

10. (New) A computer configuration comprising computer-readable medium having computer-readable instructions for performing the method of claim 8.